

found in them, that their authority might not contribute, at any distant time, to the depravation of the language.

WITH regard to questions of purity, or propriety, I was once in doubt whether I should not attribute too much to myself in attempting to decide them, and whether my province was to extend beyond the proposition of the question, and the display of the suffrages on each side; but I have been since determined by your Lordship's opinion, to interpose my own judgment, and shall therefore endeavour to support what appears to me most consonant to grammar and reason. Ausonius thought that modesty forbade him to plead inability for a task to which Cæsar had judged him equal.

Cur me posse negem posse quod ille putat?

And I may hope, my Lord, that since you, whose authority in our language is so generally acknowledged, have commissioned me to declare my own opinion, I shall be considered as exercising a kind of vicarious jurisdiction, and that the power which might have been denied to my own claim, will be readily allowed me as the delegate of your Lordship.

IN citing authorities, on which the credit of every part of this work must depend, it will be proper to observe some obvious rules, such as of preferring writers

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It will be proper according to the agreement an agreeable manner which are not of writer who first if, to words which be subjoined of for *scathe* and *bux*

Stands *sc*

Winnow